लिए उक्त क्षेत्र हेतु किसी विशेष कार्य योजना का निरूपण नहीं किया गया है।

(ङ) गुजरात में 31-10-1993 को विभिन्न जलाशयों में भण्डारण की स्थिति का विवरण अनुपत्र में दिया गया है। [देखिए परिशिष्ट 169, अनुपत्र सं० 11]

Drought-Affected Areas in the Country

138. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite heavy rains and floods in different parts of the country, certain pockets still remain drought striken;

(b) if so, the details of these dry pockets in different States specially in Maharashtra (Vidarbha), Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) what relief has been given to drought victims of these areas by the Central Government and what measures were taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) to (c) Information is being collected from the State Governments.

Representations received in P.M.O. against issue of Sugar Licences

139. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the number of representations received in the Prime Misister's office against the issue of sugar licences before the ensuing States Assembly election;

(b) the nature of representations received; and

(c) what steps Government have taken or propose to take in view of these representations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. No representations specifically suggesting non issue of sugar licences before the ensuing State Assembly election have been received.

(c) Does not arise.

Wastage of Foodgrains during Transition

140. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether foodgrains worth about Rs 3,000 crores are being wasted every year during storage and transition; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to check these wastage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) No. Sir. The storage and transit shortages of the Food Corporation of India are on an average around Rs. 200 crores per annum.

(b) Food Corporation of India have taken various measures to minimise and prevent the losses. Some of the important ones are:

(i) Strict enforcement of quality specifications during procurement of foodgrains.

(ii) Installation of weigh-bridges in godowns.

(iii) Augmentation of covered storage capacity.

(iv) Encouraging machine stiching of the bags.

(v) Installation of in motion wagon weigh-bridges.

(vi) Reduction in the quantum of foodgrains filled in each bag.

(vii) Administrative measures such as tightening of security at depots, intensifying surprise checks, ensuring regular stock verifications etc.

Construction of Godowns by FCI

141. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Food Corporation of India has taken up construction of godowns in various States;

(b) if so, what is the number of godowns under construction, Statewise; and

(c) whether some approved works have been abandoned in some States and if so, the details thereof Statewise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) The number of godowns under construction by Food Corporation of India during 1993-94, is 15. The Statewise numbers are as below:

1. Himachal Pradesh .	1
2. J & K . . .	2
3. Karnataka . . .	2
4. Andhra Pradesh . .	1
5. Kerala . . .	1
6. West Bengal . .	1
7. Orissa . . .	1
8. Arunachal Pradesh .	1
9. Mizoram . . .	2
10. Madhya Pradesh . .	1
11. Maharashtra . .	1
12. Gujarat . . .	1
TOTAL .	15

(c) Information is being collected.

Sugar Licensing Policy

142. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI GOVINDRAO RAMARAO ADIK:

Will the MINISTER OF FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Sugar Mills Association have, while criticising Government's sugar Licensing Policy, called for immediate review of the liberal incentive scheme; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes Sir. The President, Indian Sugar Mills Association at its 59th Annual General Meeting held on 20th October, 1993 observed that Government should prepone the review of the incentive scheme by the BICP rather than awaiting till March, 1994 as announced in February last.

(b) Government is not planning to prepone the review as suggested by Indian Sugar Mills Association in view of the fact that the present incentive scheme is fully justified and is available only upto 31-3-1994. Incentives to be granted after 1-4-1994 will be based on a study to be conducted by BICP.

New Sugar Factories in Maharashtra

143. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of proposals for setting up new sugar factories in Maharashtra, pending clearance with the Central Government;

(b) whether Government have taken any decision with regard to the clearance of the proposals; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c) 225 proposals have been received through Department of Industrial Development for setting up of new sugar factories in Maharashtra as on 31-8-93. These applications have been scrutinised by the Screening Committee. After examination, the recommendations of the Ministry of Food will be sent to the Ministry of Industry where they would be considered by the Licensing Committee, after which letters of intent would be issued by that Ministry.

Prices of Superfine Basmati Rice

144. SHRI S. SURJEWALA: Will the MINISTER OF FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that prices of superfine Basmati rice (Paddy) in the current